

The following officials were elected: Deacons, D. J. Bole and J. S. Lavelly; secretary, Mrs. D. K. Bole; treasurer, Harry Griffith; trustees, I. C. and D. K. Bole and Mr. Malloy (not a member).

The church, until April 5, 1890, was under the supervision of deacons D. J. Bole and J. S. Lavelly. The pulpit was filled by Elders J. B. Wampler, W. A. Adams, R. Z. Replogle, Daniel Crofford and A. D. Gnagey. The church secured the services of Eld. J. C. Mackey from April 6 to May 4, 1890, when Eld. J. D. McFaden returned and became its regular pastor, remaining until Sept. 27, 1891. During this time three lots were purchased on Dearborn St., and a modest frame building erected, also the church was chartered Sept. 8, 1891, with 27 charter members. Their next pastor was Eld. John G. Snider, being pastor until March 27, 1892. Then Eld. W. L. Spanogle was unanimously called, taking charge of the church until Sept. 24, 1893, the church prospering under his care.

On Sept. 24, 1893 deacon D. J. Bole by a unanimous vote of the church, was set apart to be ordained to the eldership. On the evening of Oct. 1, 1893, Elders P. J. Brown, J. C. Mackey and W. L. Spanogle ordained him to the ministry. Eld. Bole took charge of the church and remained its pastor until Aug. 4, 1895. Under his supervision many were added to the church. Their next pastor was Elder Henry Wise. He held the charge until April 26, 1896. During the interval between April 26 to Sept. 13, 1896 Elders J. I. Hall and W. H. Miller filled the pulpit. Then Duncan McGregor, B. O., D. D., took charge of the church and held it until he resigned Dec. 31, 1897. Then Eld. Bole filled the pulpit to April 22, 1898 with the exception of two Sundays which were filled by Eld. S. B. Grisso. On March 30th the church unanimously called Eld. R. E. Darling to become its pastor. He had charge of the church until the fall of 1901.

The church has prospered under his care, there being 75 members added to the church, and it is steadily growing. Her membership at present is 151. She has a large Sunday school, under the careful supervision of Supt. D. K. Bole. She also has a Ladies' Aid Society, Y. P. S. C. E. and Missionary Reading Circle.

The old building became inadequate to meet the demands made upon it, and at a special business meeting in the early part of the year 1900, the congregation unanimously decided to erect a new building and parsonage. The trustees were named as a building committee, and they became the contractors, subletting all contracts. Rev. Henry Wise, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was called to take charge as superintendent of construction. The new building was designed by Biezer Brothers, architects, and the work, as stated, was under the supervision of Rev. Henry Wise.

McLouth, Kansas

Our regular quarterly business meeting at this place was held on January 4th, and it was decided we should report our church news in the columns of the "EVANGELIST" as we all enjoyed the church news from other points ours might interest at least some.

W. T. Stout was called as pastor until the close of this conference year. Brother Harry Bowman secretary, and brother John Bowman treasurer.

The subject of money for Chicago church fund was discussed the result of which was \$13.25 sent to Brother Cassel. Our members are quite generous to respond to the mission call but our pulpit has been so very quiet in behalf of missions, however we have the promise from the pulpit for more in that line in the future. How can we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and not preach missions? We hope to send our district treasurer our quota for home missions soon. Our Sunday school at this place is not a missionary school but our Endeavor is taking steps in that direction. A Christ-

mas offering of \$23.34 was the result of one evening's work. I wish I might report an interesting mid-week prayer meeting but some of us think the time could be better spent in doing good deeds and lending a helping hand, than by spending the time there in prayer. God grant it may be so. But I am so glad we have the account of that memorable prayer meeting in that upper room of which we studied last Sunday, think of it dear brethren and sisters ten whole days spent in praying, cares of this world all neglected for ten days and for what?—For an answer to their prayers. And did the answer come? Yes, with power from on high, the result 8000 precious souls.

Oh! for consecrated hearts and lives zealous for the Master's cause, and alive to every interest and then the Pentecostal blessing which would surely follow.

IDA MYERS.

Masontown, Pa.

When the Brethren church at Masontown suddenly lost her mooring, in the wild ungodly storm of 1896, she apparently drifted at the mercy of the winds until their terrorizing fury had abated, and the clear, sweet voice of Jesus was heard upon the troubled waters calling to the maddened skies and foaming billows: "Peace, be still!"

Between enticing hope and that which resembles despair, to brave successfully the lashing waves of a great church trouble, that threatens, by every frothing surge, to submerge the helpless, tossing ship to which one long has clung affectionately; and with a fixed, but high ideal, lovingly sustain, upon that treacherous sea, the sacred principles of Jesus Christ: require no small amount of heaven's care, divine wisdom, self-sacrifice and consecration.

The battered vessel, even yet, is not repaired entirely; but the steady hand of the Great Master is mysteriously at work; and the fairer prospect which she now presents, inspiring with a cheerful hope the loyal hearts of all her active, faithful crew, is wholly the accomplishment of His divine energy, satisfying with a love in full the true and fearless souls of those who trusted Him by faith and constant Christian work. And while our church is far from being every thing that God demands, still we rejoice to feel that she enjoys healthy spiritual life, within the reach of heavenly grace; and that, by means of ardent prayers, and loving, mutual, systematic endeavor, is becoming, gradually, a righteously equipped organization for the dissemination of the whole gospel to a perishing people, independent of aught save God and Him crucified.

The financial hurricane which swept over southern Fayette county, Pa., in 1900, centralizing at Masontown, exposing to the startled gaze nature's vast repository of hidden mineral wealth, might have destroyed, or dangerously wrecked, a larger church with fewer earnest prayers and less spirituality than ours. But even in the midst of this wicked, worldly whirl her anchor calmly holds within the bay, while she gladly takes on board twelve assistant sailors, hoping for a brighter voyage.

Our seventeen nights of special services resulted in less accessions to our church, altho beyond the expectation of the many, than pure enthusiasm and religious zeal, which were real blessings to our spiritual workers and for the good of all.

The baptisms were a little late, having been delayed by a serious accident to one of the families concerned. Jan. 5th, I baptized six (6) precious converts, and two (2) upon the 12th. Four (4) others have requested baptism in the future. These will make a count of twelve (12) additions during our late protracted effort, which ended Dec. 15th with a thoughtful interest and three conversions at the close. The weather was unfavorable to continued meetings.

MARY M. STERLING.

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